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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment A regards the divisional, filed herewith. The divisional patent application claims priority to U. S. Patent application Serial No. 09/530,829, filed May 3, 2000.

Please amend the subject application as follows: